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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
RYOJI HABUCHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PANG, R.
SERIAL NO: 10/617,045 :
FILED: JULY 11, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3681
FOR: DRIVING SYSTEM OF MOTOR :
VEHICLE

ELECTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the election of species requirement of June 29, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the species of Powertrain 1 (Figs. 1A-1B). Claims 1-6 correspond to this species.

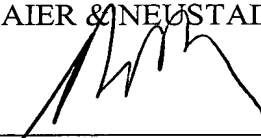
This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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